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SUBJECT: MAF VISIT YAMADA TEAM, JULY 15-16

REF: TOKYO 9014

1. JAPAN AND THAILAND SIGNED CORN AGREEMENT SPECIFYING TARGET 1.2 MILLION TONS TO BE SHIPPED SEPT 1974 - MAY 1975. TAIWAN DECIDED TO TAKE 200,000 MT LESS THAN EXPECTED WHICH WAS THEN SHIFTED TO JAPAN. WHILE THAILAND HAS BEEN UNABLE TO SUPPLY 1 MILLION TON TARGET LAST COUPLE YEARS, IT APPEARS POSSIBLE TARGET MAY BE REACHED THIS YEAR IF PRESENT PRODUCTION ESTIMATE OF 2.7 MILLION TONS IS ACHIEVED.

2. AGATT STILL ESTIMATES TOTAL CORN IMPORTS AT 8.4 MILLION TONS. CORN FOR STARCH PRODUCTION IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE 150,000 MT TO 1.5 MILLION TOTAL. MIXED FEED PRODUCTION WHICH WAS 18.4 MILLION MT IN US FY 74 IS EXPECTED TO SHOW LITTLE IF ANY INCREASE IF FY 75.

3. CORN PURCHASES FROM SOUTH AFRICA ARE ESTIMATED AT 800,000 MT TO 1 MILLION MT. JAPAN'S IMPORT NEEDS REPORTED IN REFTEL ARE ON U.S. CROP YEAR AND ESTIMATED IMPORTS FROM THAILAND AND SOUTH AFRICA ARE ON THEIR MARKET YEAR. MAF ESTIMATES APPEAR TO BE MAXIMUM QUANTITIES NEEDED FROM THE U.S. IF CURRENTLY PROJECTED

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QUANTITIES ARE TAKEN FROM THAILAND AND SOUTH AFRICA TOTAL

ACTUALLY SUPPLIED BY U.S. COULD BE ONLY 6.4 MILLION MT. NOTE
THAT 6.9 STRONGLY REQUESTED LAST JULY HAS NOW BECOME 6.4 APPEARS
USDA/FAS/W MAY WISH TO DETERMINE IF ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS ARE
FIRM FOR U.S. OR OTHERS, I.E. WHO WILL BE THE RESIDUAL SUPPLIER?

4. GRAIN SORGHUM ESTIMATE IS BELIEVED REASONABLE.

5. SOYBEAN ESTIMATE IS BELIEVED MAXIMUM WITH AMOUNT SUPPLIED
BY BRAZIL LIKELY TO DETERMINE TOTAL U.S. SHIPMENT.
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